

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following listing. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims for the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing server-based purchasing management utilizing ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers and dynamic approval parameters, comprising:
 - receiving at one or more server systems a plurality of electronic purchase requests from requestors within an entity;
 - evaluating the plurality of purchase requests with respect to the entity's purchase policies utilizing one or more server systems;
 - generating a plurality of sets of approval parameters utilizing one or more server systems, each set of approval parameters being associated with an approved purchase request; and
 - ~~associating~~ dynamically storing each set of approval parameters with ~~a dynamic~~ respect to at least one payment identifier so that purchases using ~~the dynamic~~ payment identifiers may be correlated to an appropriate set of processed in view of approval parameters associated with those payment identifiers.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing access through a network to a plurality of customizable purchasing management rules residing on one or more server systems, receiving through the network the plurality of purchase requests and applying the purchasing management rules to the purchase requests to help generate the approval parameters for approved purchase requests.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising notifying an approver of a purchase request, if some action is required from the approver for the purchase request to be approved, and allowing the approver to take the required action through a network accessible approval mechanism.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising allowing the approver to identify, at least in part, the approval parameters for the approved purchase request.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the purchase requests comprise requests for purchases of products or services from network enabled markets.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the purchase requests comprise requests for purchases of products or services from non-network enabled markets.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers comprise ~~dynamic~~ payment cards.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising utilizing the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers as requestor specific identifiers and wherein the purchase requests include an indication of the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifier of the requestor.

9. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for providing server-based purchasing management services to customer entities through a network, comprising:

providing access through a network to a plurality of customizable purchasing management rules residing on one or more server systems, the purchasing management rules providing approval requirements for purchases requested by requestors associated with a customer entity;

receiving through the network a purchase request from a requestor;

applying the purchasing management rules to the purchase request;

notifying an approver of the purchase request, if the purchasing management rules require action by the approver for the purchase request to be approved; ~~and~~

allowing for the approver to take approval action through a network accessible approval mechanism; and

generating a set of approval parameters for an approved purchase request and dynamically associating the set of approval parameters with a payment identifier.

11. (Canceled) The method of claim 10, further comprising associating a dynamic payment identifier with an approved purchase request.

12. (Canceled) The method of claim 11, further comprising generating a set of approval parameters for the approved purchase request and associating the set of approval parameters with the dynamic payment identifier.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 12~~ claim 10, further comprising correlating a purchase made using the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifier with the ~~purchase request~~ approval parameters and approving the purchase if the purchase is within the approval parameters.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the approval parameters comprise an identity of a vendor for a requested product or service and a maximum cost amount for the product or service.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 11~~ claim 10, wherein the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifier comprises a ~~dynamic~~ payment card.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising providing a plurality of ~~dynamic~~ payment cards to a plurality of requestors within an entity so that each request may utilize the ~~dynamic~~ payment card in making purchase requests and in executing approved purchase requests.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the receiving step comprises receiving a purchase request from a network enabled market, the network enabled market allowing the requestor to identify and select for purchase products or services through the network.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising allowing the approver to determine one or more approval parameters associated with an approved purchase request from the network enabled market, ~~assigning a dynamic payment identifier to the purchase request, and associating the one or more approval parameters with the dynamic payment identifier.~~

19. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the receiving step comprises receiving a purchase request from a market that is not network enabled, the purchase request identifying one or more details concerning a need that the purchase request will address.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising allowing the approver to determine one or more approval parameters associated with an approved purchase request from the non-

network enabled market, ~~assigning a dynamic payment identifier to the purchase request, and associating the one or more approval parameters with the dynamic payment identifier.~~

21. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the network comprises the Internet.

22. (Currently Amended) A server-based purchasing management system utilizing ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers to provide control over purchases of a customer entity, comprising:

one or more server systems configured to receive a plurality of electronic purchase requests from a plurality of requestors within an entity and to generate a plurality of sets of approval parameters associated with the plurality of purchase requests; and

a plurality of ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers, at least one dynamic payment identifier being associated with each set of approval parameters, the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers allowing purchases made using a ~~dynamic~~ payment identifier to be correlated with an appropriate set of approval parameters;

wherein the one or more server systems are further configured to cause each set of approval parameters to be stored with respect to at least one payment identifier so that purchases made using a payment identifier may be processed in view of approval parameters associated with that payment identifier.

23. (Currently Amended) The purchasing management system of claim 22, wherein the ~~one or more systems comprise~~ one or more server systems are further configured to receive through a network the plurality of electronic purchase requests ~~sets of approval requirements~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The purchasing management system of ~~claim 23~~ claim 22, wherein the one or more server systems are further configured to provide access through the network to a plurality of customizable purchasing management rules residing on the server systems and to apply the purchasing management rules to the purchase requests.

25. (Currently Amended) The purchasing management system of claim 22, further comprising one or more payment processing systems configured to store the plurality of sets of approval parameters and the associated dynamic payment identifiers, to receive details of a purchase made using a dynamic payment identifier, to evaluate the purchase against an appropriate set of approval parameters for the purchase

request associated with the purchase, and to approve the purchase if the purchase falls within the approval parameters.

26. (Currently Amended) The purchasing management system of claim 22 wherein the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers comprise ~~dynamic~~ payment cards.

27. (Original) The purchasing management system of claim 22, wherein the purchase requests comprise requests for purchase of products or services from network enabled markets.

28. (Original) The purchasing management system of claim 22, wherein the purchase requests comprise requests for purchase of products or services from non-network enabled markets.

29. (Currently Amended) The purchasing management system of ~~claim 23~~ claim 22, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

30. (Currently Amended) A network accessible purchasing management system, comprising:
one or more server systems accessible through a network that are configured to provide access to
a plurality of customizable purchasing management rules residing on the server systems;
a purchase request subsystem within the server systems configured to receive purchase requests
through the network; ~~and~~
an approval processing subsystem within the server systems configured to apply the purchasing
management rules to the purchase requests and to allow an approver to take approval
action, if the purchasing management rules require action by the approver for a purchase
request to be approved; and
a dynamic purchase processing subsystem within the server systems configured to generate
approval parameters for approved purchase requests and to dynamically associate a set of
approval parameters for each purchase request with a payment identifier to be utilized
for purchase of the product or service identified in the purchase request.

31. (Canceled) The network accessible purchasing management system of claim 30, further comprising
a dynamic payment processing subsystem within the server systems configured to associate a set of
approval parameters for each purchase request with a dynamic payment identifier to be utilized for
purchase of the product or service identified in purchase request.

32. (Currently Amended) The network accessible purchasing management system of ~~claim 31~~ claim 30, further comprising one or more systems configured to store a plurality of sets of approval parameters and associated ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers, to receive details of a purchase made using a ~~dynamic~~ payment identifier, to evaluate the purchase against an appropriate set of approval parameters for the purchase request associated with the purchase, and to approve the purchase if the purchase falls within the approval parameters.

33. (Currently Amended) The network accessible purchasing management system of ~~claim 31~~ claim 30, wherein the ~~dynamic~~ payment identifiers comprise ~~dynamic~~ payment cards.

34. (Original) The network accessible purchasing management system of claim 33, wherein the approval parameters comprise an identity of a vendor for a requested product or service and a maximum cost amount for the product or service.

35. (Original) The network accessible purchasing management system of claim 30, wherein the network comprises the Internet.